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REFERENCE TO: Mission 1103, SOVIET MILITARY ACTIVITY
CHOYBALSAN, MONGOLIA

1. SIGNIFICANCE: CONTINUING INCREASE OF SOVIET MILITARY ACTIVITY
IS OBSERVED AT CHOYBALSAN.
2. LOCATION: APPROXIMATELY 38 NM FROM THE NEAREST POINT OF THE
SINO/MONGOLIAN BORDER AT 48 04N 114 30E.
3. REMARKS: CHOYBALSAN IS THE MILITARY HEADQUARTERS FOR EASTERN
MONGOLIA. INITIAL MILITARY ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED
IN THE AREA ON [REDACTED] WHEN A BARRACKS 25X1
AND STORAGE AREA WAS SEEN ON THE EAST EDGE OF
CHOYBALSAN. THE NEXT SIGNIFICANT MILITARY ACTIV-
ITY WAS OBSERVED ON [REDACTED] WHEN A PROBABLE 25X1
SOVIET TENT CAMP, MOTOR PARK, AND BARRACKS FACILITY
WAS SEEN. SINCE THAT TIME MILITARY ACTIVITY AND
CONSTRUCTION HAS CONTINUED TO INCREASE RAPIDLY.
ADDITIONAL BARRACKS AREAS, CONSTRUCTION CAMPS,
MOTOR PARKS, AND TWO NEW AIRFIELDS, (CHOYBALSAN
AIRFIELD NORTHEAST AND OLON BAYSHING; WHICH IS NOT

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SHOWN ON GRAPHIC) HAVE BEEN OBSERVED. OF PARTICULAR INTEREST WAS THE DISCOVERY OF TANKS IN CHOYBALSAN FOR THE FIRST TIME [REDACTED] BECAUSE CHOYBALSAN IS THE TERMINUS OF A BROAD-GAUGE RAILROAD LINE FROM THE USSR, (A NARROW-GAUGE LINE CONTINUES ON TO TAMSAG BULAG) IT HAS BECOME A COLLECTION POINT AND TRANSSHIPMENT CENTER FOR TRADE WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

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4. COLLATERAL: NONE.
5. FIRST IDENTIFICATION: MILITARY ACTIVITY IN CHOYBALSAN [REDACTED]
6. NEGATION DATE: NONE.
7. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE: MILITARY ACTIVITY IN CHOYBALSAN: 8 KH-4, 4 KH-7, [REDACTED]
8. DIMENSIONS/SPECIFICATIONS: CHOYBALSAN AIRFIELD NORTHEAST: RUNWAY -- 6,550 X 230 FT., NW/SE, UNDER CONSTRUCTION.
9. MISSION READOUT: CHOYBALSAN PROBABLE BARRACKS AND MOTOR POOL EAST:

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OB -- APPROXIMATELY 50 VEHICLES/PIECES OF EQUIPMENT.

CHOYBALSAN ARMY BARRACKS WEST: FOUR PROBABLE BARRACKS AND TWO QUONSET-TYPE BUILDINGS HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED SINCE [REDACTED] TWO VEHICLE MAINTENANCE BUILDINGS AND FIVE BARRACKS THAT WERE UNDER CONSTRUCTION ON

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[REDACTED] NOW APPEAR COMPLETE. A PARADE FIELD AND AN ATHLETIC FIELD HAVE BEEN ADDED SINCE [REDACTED] FOUR LARGE TENTS ARE OBSERVED IN THE MOTOR POOL AREA. A NEW MOTOR POOL IS LOCATED IMMEDIATELY WEST OF THE INSTALLATION.

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OB -- AT LEAST 300 VEHICLES/PIECES OF EQUIPMENT.

CHOYBALSAN ARMY BARRACKS AND STORAGE AREA: FIVE SOVIET-TYPE APARTMENT BUILDINGS ARE NEARING COMPLETION, AND CONSTRUCTION HAS STARTED ON ANOTHER BUILDING IMMEDIATELY WEST OF THE INSTALLATION.

OB -- AT LEAST 20 VEHICLES/PIECES OF EQUIPMENT.

CHOYBALSAN AIRFIELD NORTHEAST: CONSTRUCTION IS CONTINUING ON THE RUNWAY. A PARALLEL TAXIWAY, TWO END-CONNECTING LINKS, AND TWO CROSSOVER LINKS HAVE BEEN GRADED.

OB -- NONE OBSERVED.

CHOYBALSAN ARMY BARRACKS AND CONSTRUCTION CAMP: THE INSTALLATION NEWLY IDENTIFIED ON [REDACTED] IS OBSERVED STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

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OB -- APPROXIMATELY 150 VEHICLES/PIECES OF EQUIPMENT.

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48-04N 114-30E**

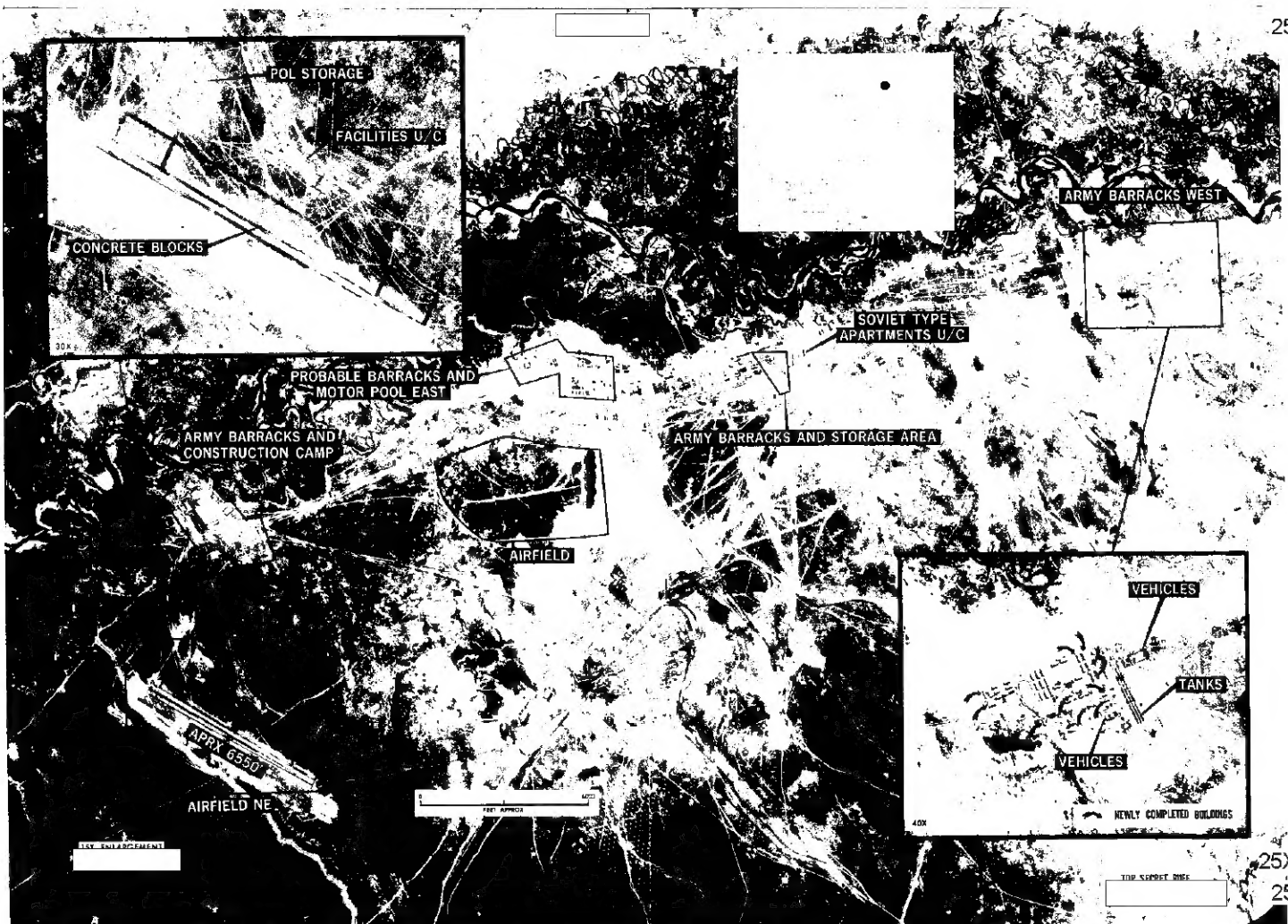
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